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Dear Air Board-

This letter is in support of the Potomac River Generating Station and its continued service to the millions of people it provides power for. This plant should remain operational. Thankfully, the owners, Mirant, wish to make enhancements to certify this facility operates properly as well as functions with the lowest emissions. It is not in anyone's best interest to start closing down power plants. We need power plants to help provide electricity on those hot summer days when electricity is in need most.

Being an energy consultant, I am familiar enough with the way the electrical grid works. If you rely on plants for long distance, during peak situations you may not be able to get the power to larger areas which would create brown outs and black outs like California experiences. As far as there being any issues environmentally, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality approves of this generating station and we should do all we can to be sure it continues operating.

Please join us in support of keeping the Potomac River Generating Station and allow them to upgrade conditions environmentally, which they have already been proven to do. We need to be sure power plants continue to provide power and do it as efficiently and pollution free as possible. With your help, this is a strong possibility.

Thank you for your help,

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